Boot & Bonnet

Good afternoon, QCC!

I'm hoping this finds everyone enjoying some long awaited Summer sunshine, but I have a question for you... Does anyone else get the feeling that we're in a real life Hunger Games with some evil Head Gamemaker sitting in a control room somewhere creating chaos? I mean seriously, folks! "Plague Desk, what have you got for me? A global virus that will paralyze every developed country on the planet? Great! Hit 'em with that!" "Weather Desk, show me something! A wet Spring with flooding and cool temps that confuse the plants and screw up everybody's recreation plans? We already have them all quarantined, but it'll add some misery 'til you can come up with something better. Go for it!" "Mayhem Desk, I loved the Murder Hornets, but you didn't make enough. How about a huge sand storm that drives a dust cloud halfway around the world? I'll need that by Monday." "Plague Desk, you're on deck. I'm gonna need that virus resurgence a little earlier than we expected. They're getting a little too comfortable." Honestly, I can actually visualize all of this in my head. I think I may be in serious need of a vacation. But as often happens, I digress...

So, here we are entering July and still trying to come up with ways to salvage as much as possible of the QCC schedule. Thanks to John and Nancy Cusick, we were able to have some fun with a (slightly) modified Part 1 of the 2020 Donut Run. It was great to see everyone in person once again! Even though we couldn't do our normal hugs and handshakes, it was just a fantastic feeling to be out with friends sharing the sheer joy of Motoring again. As we've proven that we can Motor safely as a group, I'm thinking that these driving events, as many as we can produce, will be the Club's primary focus for the near future. That's not to say that we won't be looking for ways to get back to our usual social events as well, but it's just much easier to take advantage of the built-in social distancing that comes with driving our MINIs. In fact, the plan as of this writing is to attempt to hold our July Motor-In on Saturday, July 11th at the Cusicks'. We've gone ahead with planning for the QCC Luau on August 1st at the Maldonados' as well, but as we've found up to this point in 2020 even the best lei'd plans can go astray. (See what I did there? Best "lei'd"? Luau? Aw c'mon, it was a LITTLE funny...) With the information coming to light about the resurgence of COVID, we're just not sure what restrictions if any will be back in place. So, QCC will do our best to remain flexible and present as many of the events on the schedule as possible.

Which brings us back to Motoring. As I said before, we've proven that we can present Motoring events safely. Many of our favorite routes from the past are on the QCC website. I'd love to see our members dust off one of these routes (or create one of your own) and let us help you schedule a drive. There are many veteran members who can assist with planning, scheduling, and everything you need to feel comfortable with getting your event on the road. And please, don't be disappointed if your event doesn't attract 20 MINIs. We're all putting the pieces of the first half of 2020 back together in one way or another. Some members aren't comfortable with groups or public areas yet. Every chance to get out Motoring is a win. Every smile you see makes it worthwhile.

And as usual, I've just completely rambled on through my allotted space. As for the upcoming scheduled events, your guess is as good as mine as to what's coming down the road at us with restrictions, but we'll keep planning 'til we're given a reason not to. We'll keep you posted through e-mail, the QCC website, and Facebook. In the meantime... CHEERS!! and MOTOR ON!!!

Tom

July events

July 11th: Monthly Motor In July 12th: Non-QCC British Car Show July 11th & 18th : Non-QCC - Ohio Valley Austin-Healey Driver's



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July Motor In

- Join us at John & Nancy Cusick's home for our very first...

Bring your own picnic basket!

(due to COVID-19 and maintaining safe distancing, any buffet would not be wise). Along with that, bring a folding chair and maybe a table to sit at.

QCC Will provide the beverages and some individually-wrapped desserts, just bring your own picnic meal.



Loc: 5227 Mississippi Drive Fairfield, Ohio 4pm - ??



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2020 Dues are due!!!

Please send your annual dues of \$30.00 to

Nancy Cusick 5227 Mississippi Dr, Fairfield, OH 45014-2411

If you change your e-mail please let me know so you can continue to receive the newsletters

Links from the editor

Michael Scott

I hope you all are staying safe and healthy.

I have added a few links for your convenience about what is going on in your state.

Ohio

https://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov

Kentucky

https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19

Indiana

https://www.coronavirus.in.gov

USA CDC

https://www.coronavirus.gov

Stay Safe, stay healthy and most of all STAY HOME!

Pro Tips for washing your MINI

- To maintain the look of your vehicle year-round, wash it every two weeks, and wax it once a month. Do not use dish soap to clean your Mini Cooper, as it will corrode the paint.
- Park in the shade while cleaning your car to prevent water spots from drying quickly.
- If you want your wheels to really shine, purchase a wheel cleaner and spend a few minutes scrubbing it into each wheel with a brush.



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How to Wash, Wax and Detail Your Mini Cooper

Here are some helpful steps and hints should you tackle this job yourself.

Materials Needed

- Car soap
- Bubble brush
- Washing mitt
- Car wax/clear coat spray
- Rain-X glass polish or other window cleaner
- Access to a hose
- Microfiber towels
- Buffer and buffing pads (optional)
- Plastic bags
- Engine cleaner

Step 1 – Rinse, soak, and scrub the exterior

Pretty simple, right? To get a nice finish on the exterior of your Mini Cooper, start out by first rinsing it down with a hose. Next, use soap (of your choice – there are a million out there, but don't use dish soap, use actual car soap) to spray down the car, then begin scrubbing the soap over the exterior with a washing mitt or microfiber towel. Follow-up by using a bubble brush on the wheels only – never use this on the body. Rinse everything off when you're satisfied with cleaning.

Step 2 – Polish the windows

Leaving your windows shiny and streak-free is an important step. Apply Rain-X glass polish or a glass cleaner of your choice and work it into the glass with a towel to the point that it is almost dry – do not allow it to dry out. Don't forget the side mirror glass! Dry immediately with a clean towel to prevent streaking.

Step 3 – Dry with towels and apply wax

Use microfiber towels to dry the remaining surfaces, then apply a wax/clear coat spray to the body, one section at a time. If possible, purchase a hand buffer and apply the wax to the buffing pad, then move the buffer over the paint in circular motions. Whatever you do, take your time with this step. A wax job done too quickly is an eyesore, and defeats the purpose of your taking on such a project. Most wax/clear coat spray products come with more detailed instructions.

Step 4 – Clean the engine bay (optional)

If your engine bay is particularly dirty, consider cleaning it too. Use plastic bags to protect the electrical areas of the engine from water. When protected, spray dirty engine bay surfaces with an engine degreaser of your choice. Allow to sit for a few minutes and then rinse with a light mist of water. Reapply cleaner and rinse as necessary. You can even use a small brush to clean hard-to-reach or especially dirty areas. Finish by drying with a towel, or letting it airdry. You can even turn on your engine to aid the drying process.



MINI COOPER MAINTENANCE CHECK LIST. BY MINI MANIA

(Interval based on the prompt by your on-board computer **or Recommended every second oil change**)

Check operation:

- Horn, headlight flasher, hazard warning flasher
- Instrument cluster and control lighting, blower
- Lighting system (dome lights, glove compartment light, flashlight, trunk or cargo compartment lights, turn signals, hazard warning flasher, back-up lights, brake lights, license plate lights)
- Seat belts
- <u>Wipers</u> and washers
- Body, check for corrosion
- Tires, check tread depth, wear pattern, condition, inflation pressure correct if necessary
- Run-flat indicator
- Battery, check state of charge
- Airbags, check for torn covers, damage or attached stickers
- Mirrors
- Engine coolant, check level and concentration
- Engine accessory belt, inspect
- Windshield washer, intensive cleaning system, check protection level, fluid level, top of if necessary
- Brake system connections and lines, check for leaks, damage and correct positioning
- Underbody (transmission, rear axle, fuel lines, exhaust system) check for damage, leaks and corrosion
- Steering components, check for clearance, damage and wear
- Convertible: Lower and raise convertible top to test. Actuate rollover protection using scan tool to test
- Road test, check for performance, braking, steering, suspension, noises
- The battery in the **TPMS sensors** inside the wheels typically lasts 5-7 years. Once the battery wears down, the entire <u>TPMS sensor</u> must be replaced. We recommend you replace all 4 at the same time.
- Driving a turbocharged car (**for MINI Cooper S owners**) After a long or hard drive, drive 'easy' just before you reach your destination. This will help to reduce the engine and oil temperatures to lower operating levels. Make a habit to let the engine idle for a couple minutes before shutting off. This will help cool the turbo preventing oil coking in the journals and bearings. Yes, the MINI has an auxiliary water pump that runs after shutdown to help cool the turbo, BUT - the oil isn't circulating - it just sits there waiting for the turbo to cool. This is why we recommend you idle before shutdown - let the oil circulate as the temperat comes down.
- We also recommend more frequent oil changes for the turbocharged Cooper S models. Anecdotal evidence suggests Turbos with more frequent oil changes have fewer issues. We suggest 5000 mile oil change interval or less. Make sure you use FULL SYNTHETIC motor oil with the ACEA (Association des Constructeurs Europeens d'Automobiles) A3/B3





QCC Voluntary Job Descriptions

Group President: Promote Queen City Coopers, oversee all aspects of club functions, encourage camaraderie within the club, work with club sponsor.

Membership: Maintain accurate member information, Order name tags for members.

Treasurer/Website: Collect club dues and oversee expenditures. Provide funds, if available, for club merchandise / events. Help members with web site functions, keep web site up to date in all areas.

Event Coordinators: Promote club events, encourage members to host events and help host / plan as needed. Report event results to newsletter editor for posting in monthly newsletter.

QCC Swag Coordinator: Maintain & order club merchandise for inventory. Offer items for sale at monthly Motor In's

Club Photographer:Photograph club events and send pictures to Newsletter editor

Newsletter Editor: Create, edit, and send out monthly newsletter.

2019 QUEEN CITY COOPERS OFFICERS & SUPPORT STAFF





Let's wish Happy Birthday to our July members:

Jessica Geer	7th
Jessica Proctor	9th
T J Dixon	10th
John Witt	12th
Linda Bingman	13th
Alexander Olveda	14th
Carol Mohr	22nd
Mary Hopton	27th
Mary Obermeyer	30th
Anji Roberts	30th



Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$1858.00 in our account. We can now accept card cards through our Square Purchase System (with a small convenience fee) for merchandise and membership dues.

Ed Fenker

Cincinnati MINI is offering active QCC members with a discount on MINI Parts and Accessories of 15% and 10% off of Labor charges. You will need to present your QCC Membership Card to quality for the discounts!!!



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COOPERS 2020 Membership Roster

Lan Ackley & Barbara Bush Dale & Sandy Ballinger Nick Banschbach & Becky Robert Gaby & Jennifer Batshoun Robert & Doris Bax Mark & Linda Bingman Janet & Joe Brocker Cheryl & Randy Brown Nancy & John Cusick Richard & Sylvia Darnall James & Erica Dean Kristin Dillenburger TJ & Jim Dixon Nicole & Mark Dooley Ann Finesman Ed and Vel Fenker Kathy & Mark Folino Tom Foster Andrew & Jessica Gear Sandy & Ron Gregory Joey Lee Gartrell & Karmyn Lang Corbit Harrison & Darla Bateman Richard Hamm & Trisha Mitzol Zac & Anna Koroschetz

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Louis & Millicent Larson Barbara Lindsey Jennifer & Chris Linder Hector & Gina Maldonado Elizabeth & Randal Merrill Daniel & Carol Mohr Michael & Jenny Murphy

Angela & Brooks Nieberding Paul Nielander Mike & Mary Obermeyer Alexander & Angela Olveda Richard & Anne Posey Lara & Mike Prachar Rob & Carol Rauch Donna Ring & Jean Pabst Anji Roberts & Nelson Farmer Tim & Bobbi Ross Janet Scanlon Brittany Schlemmer Craig & Karen Schlesinger Michael Scott David & Sandy Stevenson Paul Stockhauser Walt Stubenvoll & Sue Kemp Elaina & Jim Stuard Mike Suhar DiEldred and Marilyn Storm Roger & Tammy Swartzendruber Daniel & Peggy Vanderman Kay & Herschel Weintraub John and Kathy Witt



Welcome New Members

Jane & Robert Brocker

Richard & Anne Posey

Want to be a Member? Pay your Annual Dues to gain Full Access to ALL the Queen City r Coopers has to Offer!

> Annual Membership Fees are \$30 Make Checks Payable to: "Queen City Coopers"

> > THANKS.





Mail to: QCC Memberships Nancy Cusick 5227 Mississippi Dr. Fairfield, OH 45014

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QCC Resources

The following vendors have <u>Proven</u> their quality of service to QCC members in the past and have welcomed us with good service, quality work & excellent prices. If you are in need of they type services they provide, please give them a call, identify yourself as a QCC member and see how they can be of service.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS.



Schottmillers Auto Body 11478 Reading Rd Cincinnati, OH 45241 Phone number(513) 563-2006

Ronnie Price Upholstery & Top Shop 9341 Seward Rd Fairfield, Ohio 45014 513-368-9462



Car Wash Hours

Monday 9am - 4pm Wednesday 9am - 4pm Saturday 8am - 4pm





*Car Wash entrance is located behind the Cincinnati MINI showroom. An attendant will be out to greet you.





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By Michael Scott





MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES:

- Club Name Tags
- Full Access, Online Event Registration, & Access to the Links within the Queen City Coopers Website www.queencitycoopers.com
- Voting Rights on all Club Decisions that the Club Officers Deem Necessary for a Vote
- No Participation Fee for any QCC Sponsored Events
- **P** 10% OFF MINI SERVICE & 15% OFF PARTS

Mail Application and Dues to:

- QCC Membership
- Nancy Cusick
- 5227 Mississippi Dr.
- Fairfield, OH 45014-241

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICANC

- Own / Lease a MINI
- Valid Driver's License
- Proof of Insurance (Primary Driver)

MEMBERSHIP TERM / DUES:

- January 1st thru December 31st
- \$30.00 Annual Fee
 - Renewals Due by December 31
 - Make Checks Payable to: "Queen City Coopers"

MEMBERSHIP DEFINE

Member, and up to one Associate Member

Membership Form

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Member's Email:			License Plate State:			
Associate Member's Email			MINI's Nickname:			
Member's Birthday: (MM/DD/YYYY)	Year is Optional		Purchase Date of MINI:			
Associate Member's Birthday: (MM/DD/YYYY)	Year is Optional		Was MINI Purchased at Cincinnati MINI?	Yes	or No	
Emergency Contact:			Allow Other Members to Email You through Website?	Yes	or No	
Emergency Contact Phone:	Should not Be Member or Associate Member		How did you hear about the club?			

